

# SENATE BILL NO. 668

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to oral chemotherapy parity, with an emergency clause.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

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Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 376.1257, to read as follows:

**376.1257. 1. Any health benefit plan that covers injected or  
2 intravenously administered chemotherapy and orally administered  
3 chemotherapy may not require a higher co-payment, deductible, or  
4 coinsurance amount for oral chemotherapy than it requires for injected  
5 or intravenous chemotherapy, regardless of the formulation or benefit  
6 category determination by the plan.**

**7 2. The health benefit plan shall not increase the co-payment,  
8 deductible, or coinsurance amount required for injected or intravenous  
9 chemotherapy that is covered under the plan in order to comply with  
10 subsection 1 of this section.**

**11 3. As used in this section the following words mean:**

**12 (1) "Chemotherapy", drugs and biologics that are used to kill,  
13 slow, or prevent the growth of cancerous cells; and**

**14 (2) "Health benefit plan", shall have the same meaning as defined  
15 in section 376.1350.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the health of  
2 persons suffering from cancer, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the  
3 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is  
4 hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution,  
5 and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and  
6 approval.